

Logging Operation by Tom Branderhorst

"Phil, my forester friend told me of an opportunity to go to a logging operation, and meet with a couple of timber cutters, and possibly take some pictures. The timber cutting involved one old-growth fir tree, which is really special to see. The logging operation is in the hills a little west of Camas Valley. We left early, and spent about 2 hours going through Fairview, up the Coos Bay wagon road, and then through the hills, to the logging site. Then we hiked through the woods, and finally got to the place where the cutting took place. Even though it was almost the end of April, Phil's truck indicated that it was 35 degrees. Fortunately I had an extra sweatshirt, because it turned out that we were there for about 2 hours, mostly just standing around.

We met with the cutters, and they went through how they were going to approach the cutting, to prepare for cutting the old-growth tree. They also told us exactly where they wanted us to be when they felled any tree, to make sure we were safe. They wanted to make a clear path, so that the big tree would go down exactly where they wanted, and not be affected by other timber. So they cut a number of smaller trees, including several 4 ft. diameter cedars. Each tree cut was very deliberate, and took some planning. Even though both cutters had extensive experience, 35 years and 40 years, they took their time, and carefully planned each action. Maybe that is why they have had such a long career.

So after the smaller trees were dropped, it was time to get to the old tree. It turned out that this area was already logged many years before, but this tree had been left. It was very obvious that this tree was much larger than the others. The normal trees they were cutting were mostly 1-3 feet in diameter, but this one was a bit over 6 feet diameter, with branches not starting until 40-50 ft. high. With the thick branches, it was not possible to see the top. The only possibility to show the tree size was to show Phil next to the tree, and then when the tree was being felled, the figure of the cutter at the base of the tree.

The big chainsaw the cutters used was about 4-5 ft. long. It was definitely too short to go completely through the tree, so the cutter had to cut from both sides alternately. Finally the tree was ready to fall, and very slowly it started to move, and gathering speed, it finally crashed into the ground with an amazing sound and ground tremor. It turned out that there was significant rot in the center of the tree, and the top of the tree shattered, because of the rot.

When I was invited to go to the logging operation, I was pretty excited. My family and I have lived in this area for a long time, and have seen logging operations many times, but always from a distance. The idea of being able to get right close to the timber cutting seemed like a very rare opportunity as far as getting pictures, and experiencing that work up close. I had my Nikon D7000 with me, with a medium zoom and my 55-300mm zoom. I did not want to make the cutters feel self-conscious about me wanting to get pictures of them, but I really wanted to get some portraits of them working. So generally I used the 55-300mm to get close, and the medium zoom for general images. The woods were not very bright, (but once in a while the open woods in the background were sunlit, which I needed to account for), so I needed to really be careful about the camera settings, including upping the ISO at times, to keep the shutter speed up. Overall it was a fantastic experience. "





The Rookie 35 Years experience

cutting a big cedar



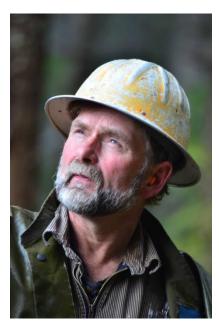
starting to fall



Almost all the way



IMAGES BY TOM BRANDERHORST



Picking up speed

Looking up



Notice the rotting center



Going to the next tree



Phil talking to the cutters

Electronic Traditional by Tony Mason

On April 7th, 22 Members partook in judging the year's final "Electronic Traditional" competition. The lowest average score for a judge was 5.41 and highest was 7.41. Winning images from all this year's competitions will be "recalled" and judged by a member of the 4Cs for OCPA's "Year End" competition to find our "best" images (note that some of our images will also be sent to 4Cs for interclub competition).

Maker	Title	AVERAGE	AWARD
Mikulecky, Larry	Dinner	7.591	1st
Piatt, Suzy	Drops In Color	7.409	2nd
Mikulecky, Larry	Shoooe	7.273	3rd
Branderhorst, Marijke	I Do	7.227	4th
Branderhorst, Tom	Smith Rock View	7.000	5th
Ciraolo, Elise	Praying Mantis	6.955	
Branderhorst, Tom	Smith Rock	6.818	
Malone, Chris	Dragon Duck	6.818	
Todd, Carol	Spring At Midnight	6.818	
Ciraolo, Elise	Juvenile Great Horned Owl	6.727	
Todd, Carol	After Sunset	6.682	
Piatt, Suzy	Plant Drops In Spring	6.636	
Lyons, Delia	Reflected Sunset	6.591	
Branderhorst, Marijke	Nuzzling	6.500	
Malone, Chris	Gum Drop Field	6.455	
Todd, Don	Skunkie	6.364	
Todd, Carol	Colors	6.318	
Malone, Chris	Crater Lake Sunset	6.227	
Lyons, Delia	Last Night	6.227	
Branderhorst, Marijke	Butterflies Galore	6.136	
Branderhorst, Tom	Old Trucks	6.045	
Ciraolo, Elise	Arizona Sky	5.909	
Piatt, Suzy	Iris Among The Weeds	5.773	
Todd, Don	Charliie Town	5.727	
Mikulecky, Larry	Boss	5.682	
Todd, Don	King Fisher	5.545	
Lyons, Delia	Blue Hawaii	5.227	



Cape Perpetua and Thor's

Well with Chris, Jesse, and

Stacey.



Members Only Electronic Creative by Tony Mason

On April 21st, 22 Members judged not only the years' final "Electronic Creative" competition of 12 entries by 4 members, but the final competition of the year period (print and electronic). The lowest average score for a judge was 5.75 and highest was 7.17.

Maker	Title	AVERAGE	AWARD
Wolff, Ray	Colored Smoke	7.409 1st	
Wolff, Ray	Bowl Of Fruit I	7.318 2nd	
Piatt, Suzy	Parking Fines	6.818 3rd	
Lyons, Delia	Julie	6.773 4th	
Wolff, Ray	Flamily Planning	6.773 4th	
Ciraolo, Elise	Ribbons	6.545	5th
Lyons, Delia	Corvus	6.500	
Ciraolo, Elise	Tree Line	6.318	
Lyons, Delia	Boat	6.045	
Piatt, Suzy	Grassy Lights	5.864	
Piatt, Suzy	Rock Impressions	5.591	
Ciraolo, Elise	Red Flare	5.500	

4C's Electronic by Tony Mason

Judged by the Siuslaw View Finders, to receive one of the 11 Award of Merits, you needed a 21 (3) or 20 (8). The 3 HMs had a score of 20 (1) and 19 (2). Forest Grove maintains 1st Place (704 points) in the club rankings (by 9 points over Film Pack). OCPA has dropped to 16th place (out of 20) with 610 points. There is one more competition left in the season.

Maker	Title	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Total
Wolff, Ray	Orapp	5	5	5	15
Malone, Chris	Beach Fortress	5	5	5	15
Todd, Carol	Quack	5	4	5	14
Nix, Jesse	Metrocity	4	5	4	13
				Total	57



Thomas at Thor's Well



Chris, Stacey, Jesse, and Margaret at Thors Well

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MAY & JUNE 2014

PHOTO THEME/IMAGINATION CHALLENGE MAY - BLOSSOMS OR BLOOMS

PHOTO THEME/IMAGINATION CHALLENGE JUNE - VACATION

MAY 2014

MONDAY, MAY 5

Meeting 6:30 PM - North Bend Medical Center 2nd floor - Conference Room Round Table Discussion – TBA Show & Tell – Critique - After & Before Scavenger Hunt Winners

SATURDAY, MAY 17 Shoot Out - Port Orford Old Coast Guard Station Caravan leaves McDonalds Coos Bay (Hwy 101) at 9:00 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 10 Board Meeting (all members invited) 6:30 PM - Peggy Cooper's place

MONDAY, MAY 19

Meeting 6:30 PM - North Bend Medical Center 2nd floor - Conference Room Special Guest Speaker Susan Dimock (See Article and pictures) Round Table Discussion – What's in my bag Show & Tell – Critique - After & Before 50/50 Raffle

Volunteers are needed for the election committee please let Chris know if you are willing to be on this committee!

JUNE 2014

MONDAY, JUNE 2 Meeting 6:30 PM - North Bend Medical Center 2nd floor - Conference Room Round Table Discussion – TBA Show & Tell – Critique - After & Before

MONDAY, JUNE 9 Board Meeting (all members invited) 6:30 PM - Peggy Cooper's place

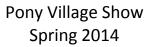
MONDAY, JUNE 16 Meeting 6:30 PM - North Bend Medical Center 2nd floor - Conference Room Round Table Discussion – What's in my bag Show & Tell – Critique - After & Before 50/50 Raffle

SATURDAY, JUNE 21 SHOOTOUT TBA

> NOTE: Last minute schedule changes can be found on Facebook and/or the OCPA website. We will post any cancelations or changes as they happen.

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The Spring 2014 Pony Village Show was another success do to our membership. To go by the numbers, we had 11 members who displayed 134 images, 7 members who helped out but did not display and brought in approximately \$637.00 in sales. The final tally well not be complete until the club treasurer returns from a trip.

As this was my last Pony Village Show as the Chairperson, I would like to thank all who made the job so much more easy and enjoyable over the past 10 years or so. My deepest Appreciation and Thank You. Without you the show could not have gone on.

As some of you know, Chris announced at the last meeting that this was my last show, and that we were looking for someone to step up and take the Pony Village Show on. Well, I'm please to announce that 2 gracious and wonderful ladies have stepped forward to assume the rains. Bonnie & Stacy will now form the Pony Village Show committee with Bonnie as Chair. I will be helping out with their first show this fall. Please give them as much help as I've received. Again, my thanks to all. Don



Image 1



Image 2



Image 3



Image 4

Image 1 – Larry hanging one of his images.

Image 2 – Diana straightens pictures as they are hung.

Image 3 - Tom discusses the finer points of his work.

Image 4 – Jeri helps with hanging while Don, Bonnie and Carol discuss the logistics of the show.

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Sign Image by Don Todd

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Coos County Fair - Tony Mason - Committee

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Members Only EID – All Divisions – Tony Mason

Members Only Mono Prints - Carol Todd/Renee Marcov

Newsletter Editor – Carol Todd

Pony Village Shows – Bonnie Smith and Committee

Projectionist – Chris Malone

Backup Projectionist – Jan Moore

Publicity –Vacant

Shootouts – Don & Carol Todd

Talks and Training – Chris Malone

Web Maestro – Jan Moore

Your name here!



f8 & Be There By Don Todd

I need a show of hands from some of our new members if they know where Kentucky Falls is located. Hold em high. Ah, not many. First of all, let me explain a little about the falls. Kentucky Falls is really 3 waterfalls. You have the Upper Kentucky Falls. Then you have the Lower Kentucky Falls. Then, right next to the Lower Kentucky Falls, you have the North Fork Falls. All reachable by hiking one trail. The 2 lower falls are in a V shape with Kentucky on the right and the North Fork Falls on the left. The down side to this is reaching the falls. The trail is 6.1 miles round trip. According to the trails designations, it's moderate. The problem is that it's mostly downhill with lots of switchbacks. Carol and I have been there several times. It may only be 3 miles in, but it seems like 5 miles out. But it's well worth the trip. Especially during this time of year with winter run off.

Now the interesting part is the location. It's located not far from Sweet Creek Falls. I've been told that you can get there if you continue on the Sweet Creek Road. We've never been that way, so I don't know for sure. I looked it up on the web and found these directions. From Reedsport, go north on Hwy 101 across the bridge and make an immediate right on Road #48 (North Fork Road). I believe this is the same as Smith River Road. Go 15.9 miles and turn left onto 48A (North Fork Road). Go 10.6 miles, then right onto Road #22. Go 9.6 miles and turn left onto Road #919. Continue for 2.7 miles to the trailhead.

There is another way to get there from Hwy 126 between milepost 26 & 27 at the Whittaker Creek Rec. area turn off. I would check the web for these directions. Carol & I have left the Kentucky Falls area this way with no problems.

So there you have it. I recommend this trip as it puts you deep into the forest with some wonderful photo ops. In closing, remember to $f \ 8 \ \&$ Be There and I wish you a Sunny 16.



The big saw on cedar

Special Guest Speaker May 19 -

by Chris Malone

Mark your calendar for May 19th! You won't want to miss our second meeting in May as we will be treated to an award winning photographer Susan Dimock. Susan specializes in bird photography and will be presenting a talk about her photography and editing techniques to the OCPA. So we invite you to attend our meeting and enjoy this special presentation by Susan. Susan will also be showing her work at the Pacific Park Gallery at 1957 Thompson (the old south coast spine bldg) in Coos Bay on May 16th. The reception will be on Friday May 16th at the same location between 5-7 pm. Susan has invited us to attend and see approx. 35 pieces on display. Hope to see you at her club presentation and her reception as well. ~Chris







OCPA Board Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Chris Malone. Members present: Chris Malone, Curt Benward, Jan Moore, Kathy Chambers, Dick Chambers, Carol Todd, Bonnie Smith, and Elise Ciraolo. Guests present: Don Todd and Peggy Cooper.

Minutes of the previous meeting were discussed and Carol moved and Jan seconded that we accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Income	Beginning Balance	\$2625.49
	Dues	85.00
	Scavenger Hunt	4.00
	Raffles	6.00
		95.00
Expenses:		
	Web Site	676.15
		676.15
	Ending Balance	\$2044.34

Committee Reports:

Coos County Fair: No change from last month. Steven Michael who will judge the photos at the fair will be at the next board meeting.

Pony Village Show: Don reported that things are on track. This will be Don's last Pony Village Show at the helm. If we don't have a volunteer step up the show may cease to be.

Shootouts: Yesterday the shootout at Thor's Well near Yachats was attended by 7 members. We need to have individuals step up and be willing to share leading the shootouts. Next month's shootout subject matter is the old Coast Guard station at Port Orford and other local areas of interest.

Newsletter: Carol is always looking for articles and or information for the Proofsheet. She is going to re-establish the "Photographer of the Month" article. Curt suggested a space in the Proofsheet for favorite links that members could contribute.

Talk'n'Training: Chris is open to new subjects. Carol suggested "How to slow down your shutter." 4-C's: Participation is low. Curt suggested as board members we should all make it a point to enter a photo. Next year the rules for entry will be a total of 5 large and 5 96 square with no more than 2 from one person in each category. Elise sent in 10 images for the PSA Council Challenge.

Projectionist: Chris will continue as projectionist.

Website: It is up and running and still being perfected. Jan needs more photos for the web site.

Facebook: Nothing to report

Old Business: The radio ads have started today. They will continue to run until Saturday of the Pony Village Show.

New Business: Susan Dimock will be coming to the 2nd meeting in May to give us a talk about bird photography.

Tony billed us for \$60.00 for web hosting and domain name. He asks that it be applied to membership dues. Kathy motioned and Carol seconded to give him 3 years membership. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Chambers, OCPA Secretary Pro Tem

How to Join the OCPA

Joining OCPA is very easy! Just come to one of our meetings and check us out. If you like what you see we'll take your membership dues and that is it! Dues are good for one year, from the month that you join.

If you want to join, but can't make a meeting, just write a check and mail it to us: Oregon Coast Photographers' Association, Inc. PO Box 5646 Charleston, OR 97420

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A good photograph is knowing where to stand.

~Ansel Adams

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